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Jerry C. Foster is the Regional Counsel for the Economic Development Administration (EDA), Atlanta Region. He directs the legal affairs for this office which delivers EDA programs in eight (8) Southeastern States.

Jerry joined the agency in 1968 as a staff attorney in the Huntsville, Alabama Area Office and relocated to Atlanta when that office was established in 1972. In 1973, he was named Regional Counsel. In 1991 he received the Department of Commerce Bronze Medal Award for **“Superior performance in providing legal counsel to the Economic Development Administration for a period in excess of 20 years”** and he is a two time recipient of the U. S. Department of Commerce General Counsel’s award for **“exceptional performance and significant legal contributions in the Office of the Chief Counsel”**.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1957-1961 and after finishing law school in 1965, he was in private law practice until his arrival at EDA in the summer of 1968.

Mr. Foster obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree (BS) in History and Political Science from Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, where he was a member of the intercollegiate varsity debating team and served as President of the Pre-Law Club. He obtained a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) Degree from Alabama A & M University, Huntsville and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) Degree from the University of Tennessee, College of Law, Knoxville where he was a member of the Student Bar Association, Moot Court Team and Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity.

He is licensed to practice before all State and Federal courts in Tennessee and Georgia as well as being licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court.